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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 14 June 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. Applicant's amendments to the claims are not in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121(c)(2), which states (in relevant part):

...The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. **The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived.** [emphasis added]

It is noted that Applicant has attempted to comply with the above-cited requirement. However, Applicant's corrected amendments use only single brackets to indicate text to be deleted rather than double brackets ("[[...]]"). Accordingly, Applicant's claim amendments are still not in compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(c)(2). See MPEP §714(II)(C)(B) for examples of amendments using double brackets.

b. Applicant's corrections to the drawings are not in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121(d), which states (in relevant part):

...Any changes to an application drawing must be in compliance with § 1.84 and must be submitted on a replacement sheet of drawings which shall be an attachment to the amendment document and, **in the header, labeled "Replacement Sheet."** [emphasis added]

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2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, or the remaining time period for reply set forth in the Office action mailed 2 December 2003, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Eric B. Kiss whose telephone number is (703) 305-7737. One or around October 19, 2004, Technology Center 2100 will be relocated to Alexandria, Virginia, and Examiner Kiss's telephone number will change to (571) 272-3699. The Examiner can normally be reached on Tue. - Fri., 7:15 am - 4:45 pm. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam, can be reached on (703) 305-4552. On or around October 19, 2004, Technology Center 2100 will be relocated to Alexandria, Virginia, and Tuan Dam's phone number will change to (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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